

## **Program Description/Textbook or Print Instructional Material**

Vendor: Thomson Learning/Course Technology Web Address: www.course.com

Title: Computer Concepts Basics

Author: Wells-Pusins Copyright: 2004

ISBN: 0-619-05578-2 Course/Content Area: Vocational and Career Education; Business Program; Exploratory Computers

Intended Grade or Level: 9-12 Readability Level: 8.5 (Flesch Kincaid)

List Price: 40.95 Lowest Wholesale Price: 30.00

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Level of Accommodations (Level One, Two or Three) Level Three

If Level Two or Three, please provide rationale for not meeting Level One Compliance It is not financially feasible for our products to meet Level One at this time.

## **FEATURES**

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### **Content**

- Provides a short yet comprehensive text with many hands-on exercises and projects.
- Contains non-software specific exercises that can be used with most software programs including Microsoft Office and Microsoft Works for Windows
- Covers applications such as word processing, databases, spreadsheets, desktop publishing, and presentation graphics.
- Unit reviews tie it all together!

### **Student Experiences**

- Examines important topics including online research, problem solving, ethical issues, finding information, and more!

### **Assessment**

The second edition of the best-selling text in the BASICS series has been updated and improved to better meet your students' needs. Written in the same friendly BASICS style that you have become accustomed to, this new book provides an overview of computer literacy topics including computer essentials, applications software, the Internet and technology issues.

### **Organization**

Unit One Computer Basics  
Unit Two Software  
Unit Three Advanced Computer Concepts

**Resource Materials**

**Gratis Items To Be Provided And Under What Conditions**

Instructor's Resource Kit (0-619-05579-0) Free 1 per teacher

**Available Ancillary Materials**

Activities Workbook (0-619-05581-2)

**RESEARCH DATA AND EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVENESS**

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# Group V - Career/Technical Vocational/Practical Living Education Instructional Materials Evaluation Tool IT Computer & Technology Applications



Title: Computer Concepts Basics		Cost: \$ 30.00	
Publisher: Thomson Learning/Course Technology			
Item Evaluated: Textbook			
Copyright Date: 2004		Evaluator: Scott Horan	
Content Level: 9-12		Date of Evaluation: 7/31/2003	
Level of Alternative Format	Level 1 – Full Compliance	Level 2 – Provisional Compliance	Level 3 – Marginal Compliance
This section completed by Exceptional Children Services			

## Overall Strengths and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended by reviewers to State Textbook Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Not recommended by reviewers to State Textbook Commission

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Vocational/Practical Living Education  
Instructional Materials Evaluation Tool  
IT Computer & Technology Applications**



<b>Title: Computer Concepts Basics</b>		<b>Publisher:</b>
Technology Management Summary Data:	20 possible points	____ 0 ____ points earned
Technology Management Comments: CD/tests are available with text, but no software was available for review.		
Technology Presentation/Interface Summary Data:	40 possible points	____ 0 ____ points earned
Technology Presentation/Interface Comments: CD/tests are available with text, but no software was available for review.		
Content Summary Data:	48 possible points	____ 45 ____ points earned
Content Comments:		
Instruction & Management Summary Data	52 possible points	____ 47 ____ points earned
Instruction & Management Comments:		
Organization & Structure Summary Data	36 possible points	____ 32 ____ points earned
Organization & Structure Comments:		
Resource Material Summary Data	40 possible points	____ 24 ____ points earned
Resource Material Comments:		



# Group V - Career /Technical & Vocational/Practical Living

## Electronic Instructional Media Review Form - Computer Concepts Basics—Thomson/CT

### Stand Alone/Independent or Integrated Software for Computer & Technology Applications



Equipment (circle or change fill color)	Grade Level (circle or change fill color)	Audience (circle or change fill color)	Format (circle or change fill color)	No Software Reviewed	
Windows	Primary	Individual	Stand Alone/Independent	_____single copy	_____site license
Macintosh	Intermediate	Small Group	Integrated	_____network version	_____school version
CD-ROM	Middle	Large Group	Supplemental	_____lab pack of ____ copies	_____online
DVD	High		In lieu of basal test		
Sound					
Other					

If other, explain

Type of Software: Check all that apply	_____Simulation	_____Management	_____Interdisciplinary	_____Problem Solving	_____Tutorial
_____Exploratory	_____Creativity	_____Drill and Practice	_____Critical Thinking	_____Utility	_____Other:

Rating Scale:	3—Some of the time	1—None of the time
4—All or the time	2—Minimally	0— Not applicable

Management	Rating
Allows customizing for individual learning needs.	
Allows students to exit and resume at a later time.	
Keeps a students performance record, where needed.	
Allows control of various aspects of the software (e.g., turning sound off).	
Allows for printed reports.	
Comments: No software was available for review.	<b>Total</b> <b>0</b>

Presentation/Interface	Rating
Presents material in an organized manner.	
Has consistent, easy-to-use, on-screen instructions.	
Has developmentally correct presentation format.	
Adapts to different learning environments (learning styles/multiple intelligences, etc.)	
Accessible for special needs students.	
Runs smoothly, without long delays.	
Presents easy-to-view text and graphics.	
Presents easy-to-hear and understand sounds.	
Avoids unnecessary screens, sounds, and graphics.	
Provides immediate, appropriate feedback.	
Comments: No software was available for review.	<b>Total</b> <b>0</b>

Content—IT Computer & Technology Applications	Rating
Career Focus/Employability Skills/Workplace Readiness Skills	4
Demonstrate the impact of computers on society	4
Basic computer terminology	4
Computer ethics, copyright issues, computer viruses	4
Knowledge of the Internet, web browsers, search engines	4
Use of electronic media	4
Knowledge of printing and printer troubleshooting	4
Knowledge of operating systems and navigating for basic file manipulation (e.g., save, delete, create folders)	3
Word processing skills (e.g., justifications, margins and spacing, headers/footers/footnotes, spell check/grammar check)	4
Spreadsheet skills (e.g., creation of Mathematical operations, formulas, functions, formatting, graphs/charts)	4
Database management skills (e.g., creating forms and reports, basic query operations)	4
Knowledge of networks (e.g., navigating, mapping, copying)	2
Comments:	<b>Total 45</b>

Rating Scale:	2—Minimally
4—All or the time	1—None of the time
3—Some of the time	0— Not applicable

Instruction and Assessment	Rating
Identifies a Sense of Purpose	4
Builds on Student Ideas	4
Engages Students	4
Develops Computer Maintenance Ideas	3
Promotes Student Thinking	4
Assesses Student Progress	0
Enhances The Learning Environment	4
Reading level is appropriate for interest and ability level of intended student group; level remains consistent throughout.	4
Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) "like" Assessment is provided	4
Variety of Assessments (diagnostic, formative, summative, open response, multiple choice, individual, small group, oral, demonstrations, presentations, self and peer performance, portfolio prompts) is included.	4
Includes activities and opportunities for integration of technology.	4
Reflects researched-based practices (e.g. hands-on activities, technology, problem-solving situations)	4
Differentiation techniques and activities suggested.	4
Comments: CD/tests are available with text, but no software was available for review.	<b>Total</b> <b>47</b>

Rating Scale:	3 – Some potential for learning	1 - Not present
4 – High potential for learning	2 – Little potential for learning	0 – Not applicable

Organization and Structure	Rating
Organization is logical and allows for spiraling of content.	4
Vocabulary and key terms are clearly defined and easily accessible within each lesson.	4
Visual illustrations (e.g. graphs, charts, models) and examples are clearly presented and content-related.	4
Illustrations and language reflect diversity (e.g. racial, ethnic, cultural, age, gender, disabilities).	0 *
Legible type, length of lines, spacing, and page layout and width of margins contribute to overall appearance and use.	4
Student materials seem durable and conducive to daily use.	4
Includes sufficient glossary, index and appendices.	4
Employs accurate grammar and spelling	4
Organization of material can be effectively used with Standards Based Units, Core Content and Program of Studies.	4
Comments: * No photographs of people	<b>Total 32</b>

Resource Materials	Rating
Teacher materials coordinate easily with student materials (e.g. additional resources included at point of need, student pages shown, integration of technology indicated)	4
Activities are included that adapt to the various learning styles, intelligences, and interest/ability levels.	4
Extension activities including adaptations and accommodations for students with special needs.	4
Resources provide objectives, background information, common student errors, hints, advice for lesson implementation and real-world connections, connections with career and/technology and references (e.g. solution manuals, study guides)	4
Suggestions are made for integration of themes and /or interdisciplinary instruction.	4
Integration opportunities suggested and examples given.	4
Teacher resources are available online.	0
Online resources available – Repeat of information in text.	0
Online resources available – Practice skills only.	0
Online resources available – New application materials.	0
Comments: Online resources not available for review	<b>Total 24</b>

Rating Scale:	2—Minimally
4—All or the time	1—None of the time
3—Some of the time	0— Not applicable